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MEHDI MORSHED, Executive Director

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

September 10, 2004

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's September 22 public Board Meeting will be held in Los Angeles at the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Board Room, located at 1 Gateway Plaza, 3rd Floor.

Open session of the Board Meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. and will then move into **closed** session. Following closed session, the meeting shall reconvene in open session.

A presentation on the Implementation Plan as well as a discussion on selected areas of the Plan will be conducted. Immediately following the discussion staff will present recommendations on the discussion items for board consideration.

The public comment period closed on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement on August 31, 2004. The Authority will be presented with copies of all the comments received as well as a summary of the comments for review.

Based on the environmental data compiled, written comments received during the comment period, and oral testimony taken at the public hearings Authority staff will present recommendations on selected areas of the high-speed train system for board consideration.

In July 2004 the California Department of Transportation released a draft program EIR/EIS on the Los Angeles-to-San Diego Proposed Rail Corridor Improvement Studies. Authority staff has reviewed the draft program EIR/EIS and will present recommended comments for board consideration and approval.

I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento at our Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Morshed Executive Director

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